

15 May 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Current Intelligence

SUBJECT: NIS Contributions by Census to the NIS General  
Survey Section 4

1. Completion of the basic editing of Census' General Survey Section 4 contribution for Ghana marks the close of the first year of the experiment (suggested by the Jenne Study Group) of having the Parkinson office in Census produce two GS Sections 4, as a test to determine how well they could do them. OCI and OBGI reviewers are agreed that both the Mauritania contribution (last October) and the Ghana submission (end of March) were soundly conceived and effectively written; particularly noted was the mature and professional style of writing -- which required markedly less technical editing than is normal for this NIS element. The substance, also, met highest NIS standards; the preparatory research supporting the analysis was clearly substantial; and the questions which needed to be raised in editorial conference were few, directed to limited issues, and promptly answered to our full satisfaction.

2. The extent of Census' capability to produce such sociological sections for the General Survey has now become somewhat academic, as current plans call for their devoting their full efforts to turning out annually 10 of the new, consolidated "Social Characteristics" sections. Nevertheless, it seems worth noting for the record that the Parkinson staff has demonstrated that it has an impressive capability for writing effective summary-type Sections 4 (as it had already shown for the more detailed Sections 42, 43, and 46).

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